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NOTICE OF MEETING

On Thursday, February 28, 2008, the Little Hoover Commission will conduct a public hearing on juvenile justice in California. The hearing will begin at 9 a.m. in Room 437 of the State Capitol in Sacramento.

This is the second of two planned hearings as part of the Commission's review of the realignment of California's juvenile justice system and the opportunities and challenges it will bring. The Commission is examining two main elements of the new policy: the shift in responsibility from the state to the counties for the majority of juvenile offenders; and, the role and responsibilities of the state for the most serious and violent juvenile offenders and some sex offenders. Additionally, these hearings provide an opportunity for the Commission to return to the oversight role that it committed to following its 2005 review of the reorganization plan creating the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR).

At this hearing, a national expert will discuss evidence-based corrections practices for juvenile offenders, and the lead researcher of the Juvenile Justice Data Project will share recommendations on how California can improve outcomes of juvenile justice programs through better data collection and analysis. Representatives of key local officials, including judges, district attorneys and county officials, also will provide their perspectives on the realignment. Two members of the newly reconstituted State Commission on Juvenile Justice also will provide testimony.

There will be an opportunity for public comment at the end of the hearing. The Commission also encourages written comments.

All public notices for meetings are on the Commission's Web site, www.lhc.ca.gov. If you need reasonable accommodation due to a disability, please contact Stuart Drown at (916) 445-2125 or littlehoover@lhc.ca.gov by Thursday, February 21, 2008. The California Channel plans to Webcast the hearing live on their Web site, www.calchannel.com.



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Public Hearing on Juvenile Justice

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State Capitol, Room 437

Sacramento

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Public Hearing: 9 a.m.

Evidence-Based Options to Reduce Crime and Costs

1. Steve Aos, Assistant Director, Washington State Institute for Public Policy

Juvenile Justice Data Project and Performance Measures

2. Karen Hennigan, Director, Center for Research on Crime and Social Control, Department of Psychology, University of Southern California

View from the Bench

3. Kenneth G. Peterson, Presiding Juvenile Court Judge, Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento

Prosecutorial Perspective

4. Rick Lewkowitz, Supervising Deputy District Attorney, Sacramento County District Attorney's Office, Juvenile Division

Going Forward – Realignment Implementation

5. David Steinhart, Director, Juvenile Justice Program, Commonwealth, and Member, State Commission on Juvenile Justice

County Perspective

6. Penelope Clarke, Administrator, Countywide Services Agency, County of Sacramento, and Tri-Chair, State Commission on Juvenile Justice

Business Meeting Agenda

(The Commission will consider agenda items I-V at approximately noon. The precise time will vary depending upon the testimony of witnesses and will be determined at the discretion of the chair.)

- I. Business Meeting Minutes from January 24, 2008
- II. Schedule/Project Selection
- III. Subcommittee Reports
- IV. Implementation Activity
- V. Reports from Bureau of State Audits